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**Hoofbeats** is the official newsletter of Care For The Horses (CFH) a 501 (c) 3 Non Profit organization formed to prevent abuse and neglect to horses in Southeast Arizona. This program offers feed and/or medical assistance to owners of horses in times of need.

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**Ryan Miele Endowment Dental Grant Completed**

Last November Care For The Horses was awarded \$,4000 from the Ryan Miele Endowment Fund for Animal Welfare for the sole purpose of providing needed dental care to owners and horse rescue organizations in need of assistance.

We are pleased to say that a total of 28 horses were helped to get the much needed dental care they required. CFH assisted HorseN'around Rescue Ranch and Foundation and Last Straw Rescue by providing dental care to horses they rescued. Eight horses in our program were provided dental care for their rehabilitation. In addition several individual horse owners were provided dental care when they did not have the funds to provide this care themselves.

It is hoped that another grant will be written for and the funds can be secured for the future to once again help horse owners and other rescue organizations like ourselves to get the dental care that is many times needed when they have been neglected.

It is very important to have your horses teeth checked annually as your horse ages and his teeth change. Also the type of feed you are using can make a difference on how your horse's teeth wear.

There are some signs that you may notice that may indicate your horse may need some dental. Many times you will find that if you are seeing your horse exhibit some behavior changes such as head tossing when riding or when you are riding and you notice that even though you are going straight your horses head is cocked off to one side it could be a sign that your horse needs dental care.

Watching how your horse eats its food is another good way of monitoring when your horse may need dental work. If you see balled up hay lying in the feeder it means your horse is having trouble chewing. If your horse exhibits abnormal jaw movement when chewing that may be a sign that your horse is uncomfortable when it eats.

Just remember that having a happy healthy horse depends a lot on his teeth working properly and having painful points or abscesses taken care of before they become a big problem will help your horse stay that way.

## Horses Waiting For Adoption



**2nd Chance** –11 month old colt. He will mature at about 14-14.1HH. This little guy has a great disposition and attitude. Willing to please, leads, picks up feet, trailers and has been worked in the round pen with desensitizing. Chance has a super build on him and although he will not be tall, he is built for work and will be very athletic.

**Adoption Fee: \$150**



**Apache** - 8-10 yrs. old, mustang and built like a tank. He is 14HH and is a great trail horse. Nothing scares him when he is riding. He will make a super **ONLY** horse as he does have buddy issues. He rides great with strange horses and alone. He has been known to buck when in the same arena with his barn buddy and wanting to be near him. He has not bucked for any other reason. He has been vet checked and is super healthy and UTD on all shots and worming. His feet are strong and do not require shoes. Apache will require an experienced rider. He is very soft in the mouth and a nice horse to ride.

**Adoption Fee: \$250**



**Zane** - 23 yrs. old, Arabian. He had a body score of 1 weighing only 617 lbs. when he came into our program in July. He is slowly gaining his weight back but due to his condition, swayed back and lack of muscle tone and will not be a horse that will be rideable. Zane has a lot of charisma and charm and loves attention and loves to run and show off how beautiful he can be.

Please consider giving this guy a home by letting him be a companion horse.

**Adoption Fee: \$100**



**Little Bitz** - 4 yrs. old, pony mare that is 13HH. She has been started under saddle and is doing well. Little Bitz has been ground driven, trailers well, and is very willing to please. Her round pen work is terrific and she loves to learn new things. This is a great opportunity for someone looking for a great 4-H or pony club project. She is also a very easy keeper.

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## An Extra Special Fundraiser for CFH and Forever Donkey Rescue



Mike and Zeke (Zeke is the cute one with the long ears) are hitting the road again this year to raise money for **Forever Home Donkey Rescue** in Benson <http://www.foreverhomedonkey.com/> and **Care For The Horses** in Sierra Vista <http://www.careforthehorses.com/>. The date is October 12th, Donkey Appreciation Day which falls on a Friday this year.

The Rescue Walk will cover about ten miles starting from the ghost town of Fairbank (near Route 82 and the San Pedro River) ending at The Good Enough Silver Mine, 5th and Toughnut in Tombstone. We'll provide a ride from Tombstone to meet up with Mike and Zeke for anyone who would like to walk the last few miles with them. We'll also provide a ride back to Fairbank if you want to park there and walk the whole route with Mike and Zeke. (We don't advise bringing your horse to ride as the route is mainly on highway.) Or you can walk a shorter stretch in between. Check the FB page for final confirmation of the route and a map of drop off/pick up points. And don't forget to wear you "Old West" duds!

We're asking people to consider helping out with a dollar a mile - more if you can, less if you can't. You can donate directly at [https://www.facebook.com/mikeandzeke/app\\_18015191938?ref=ts](https://www.facebook.com/mikeandzeke/app_18015191938?ref=ts).

Mike and Zeke have long been part of Tombstone's "Old West" atmosphere and when you meet them their devotion to each other is obvious. They have done an activity together to raise money for charity every year on "Donkey Appreciation Day", October 12 - and if that isn't an official day we'll make it one in Arizona!

Put October 12 on your calendar. If you can walk part of the Rescue Walk with Mike and Zeke it will help the miles pass more quickly. But if you can't make it, follow them on Facebook with your "likes" and contributions.

The **Mike and Zeke Rescue Walk Community** Facebook page is at <https://www.facebook.com/mikeandzeke> (you shouldn't have to "belong" to Facebook to see this page but if you do belong, please share with your FB friends).

**We are always looking for new board members who want to help with the growth and direction of this organization. For more information please contact Ann Jost at 520-559-2224 or [careforthehorses@msn.com](mailto:careforthehorses@msn.com). You do not have to be a horse owner to be a board member of the program or to volunteer for our fundraising events.**

# **CARE FOR THE HORSES**

## **Huge Yard Sale**

**Friday and Saturday  
October 19<sup>th</sup> & 20th 8AM-??**

**Jem's Feed Store 5373 S Moson Rd**

**From Ramsey Rd, turn North on Moson Rd  
go 1/2 mile. From Hwy 90 turn South on  
Moson Rd, go 4 miles.**

### **WATCH THE FOR SIGNS!**

- Items being donated can be picked up for your convenience until October 1st
- Please call Rose Burke at 520-458-7193 or Ann Jost at 520-559-2224
- Any and all donations will be appreciated (no clothes or TV's please)

***Furniture Household Supplies Saddles/Tack  
Hot Dogs & Soda will also be sold***

***Local small animal rescue organizations will be on hand  
with animals they have available for adoption***

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**TO:**

## Update on Applejack aka Apple

### Before



Apple was rescued on March 17<sup>th</sup> of this year. He was found in a yard that was full of garbage and no food. Although he had 4-acres to roam on there was no shelter or feed available for him.

His coat was full of hooks and very rough and every rib and hip bone protruded his filthy coat. Apple was not sure what was going on when he was rescued and was afraid to get out of the trailer when he arrived at our facility. After a very long time, it was suggested that he be given an apple and then he decided to get out of the trailer and that is how he came to get his new name.

### After



His manure for the next few weeks consisted of passing plastic bags, material, cigarette wrappers, pieces of plastic containers, twine and pieces of soda cans. With all this moving through his gut we were very concerned that he may not survive. A veterinary exam confirmed that he did have colon ulcers and worms and surprisingly little sand.

After just 4 months he has gained back all his weight and looks beautiful. His disposition is awesome and he loves to run and play. It was discovered that he is nicely trained and rides great. He does have a stifle that locks up when he extends his hind leg which is causing him severe discomfort and that is currently being addressed to find out what needs to be done to help him.